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1. BUENOS AIRES NEWSPAPERS SEPTEMBER 3 ANNOUNCED  
RELEASE FROM DETENTION UNDER "PODER EJECUTIVE NACCIONAL"  
(PEN) PROMINENT ARGENTINE WRITER AND JOURNALIST ANTONIO  
DE BENEDETTO. BENEDETTO HAD BEEN HELD WITHOUT CHARGES  
SINCE MARCH 24, 1976, AND HIS CASE HAD GAINED CONSIDERABLE  
NOTORIETY IN ARGENTINA AND INTERNATIONALLY.

2. BENEDETTO'S RELEASE CAME ALONG WITH FORTY-FOUR  
OTHERS LISTED RELEASED FROM PEN BETWEEN  
AUGUST 26 AND SEPTEMBER 2. UNLIKE EARLIER RELEASE NOTICES  
THIS ONE WAS PUBLISHED WITHOUT AN ACCOMPANYING LIST OF  
PERSONS TAKEN UNDER CUSTODY UNDER PEN.

3. IN SEPARATE COURT ACTION FORMER MINISTER OF SOCIAL  
WELFARE RODOLFO ROBALLOS, HELD AT VILLA DEVOTO SINCE  
1975, WAS CLEARED OF CHARGES OF DEFRAUDING THE GOVERNMENT  
AND RELEASED.  
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U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/IPS  
Margaret P. Grafeld, Director  
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